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Tissue Paper Cherry Blossoms

Materials

Tissue Paper (pink, white, and yellow)	Glue Stick	Pencil
Construction Paper	Markers	Scissors



Background Information

Cherry blossoms, or sakura, come from cherry trees and have either white or pink flowers. The blossoming begins in Okinawa, Japan in January and typically reaches Kyoto and Tokyo at the end of March or the beginning of April.

Many Japanese people pay close attention to these forecasts and turn out in large numbers at parks, shrines, and temples with family and friends to hold flower-viewing parties. Hanami, “flower viewing,” festivals celebrate the beauty of the cherry blossom and are a chance to relax and enjoy the beautiful view.

Procedure

1. Prepare the tissue paper by cutting it into 1-inch squares.
2. Draw a tree or branch on the construction paper.
3. Grab one tissue square and wrap it around the eraser side of the pencil.
4. Rub the tissue over the glue stick and press it down on the construction paper.
5. Press firmly for 5 seconds, then lift the pencil away.
6. Continue this process until your tree or branch is covered in tissue flowers.



Tips

- Cut tissue paper ahead of time.
- Cut tissue paper in a petal shape- fold a square in half, then half again. Cut the open edge into a half circle or petal shape. Open square. Repeat with more tissue squares.
- Layered flowers- using three different colored tissue squares, wrap the first one around the eraser and add glue; wrap the second tissue, and add glue; then wrap the third tissue square and add glue before pressing it down onto the construction paper.



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